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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Education Agency Superintendents
Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
High School Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: 52nd Annual United States Senate Youth Program (2014)

The 52nd Annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), established in 1962 by a United States Senate Resolution, will be held in Washington D.C. the week of March 8-15, 2014. Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity will spend a week in Washington D.C. experiencing their national government in action. Students will visit Capitol Hill, the White House, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon, and the State Department. Each delegate will also be awarded a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) college scholarship for undergraduate studies, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in the rules.

The USSYP is sponsored by the United States Senate, and funded and administered by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage these outstanding young people to continue their educational development. The Foundation also pays all expenses for Washington week, including transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals.

Michigan Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow will present certificates representing the scholarship award, to our state delegates during their Washington visit. Additional information concerning the scholarships will be given to the delegates upon their arrival in Washington D.C. Each high school in Michigan is invited to participate and we urge your school district to participate in this outstanding program. Please forward this information to your high school U.S. History/Government teachers, counselors, and administration.

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To apply, each qualifying junior or senior must request the *USSYP Application and Qualifying Exam*. These documents are available by contacting Mary Harmer, Michigan USSYP Contact, at HarmerM@michigan.gov. All completed documents must be returned to Ms. Harmer at the Michigan Department of Education by *November 1, 2013*. For further USSYP information, please refer to www.ussenateyouth.org.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance